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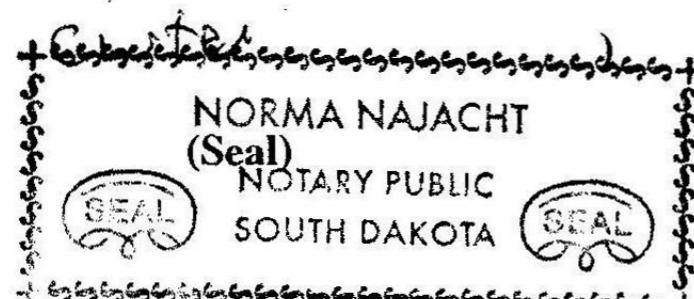
## Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <i>Custer County Chronicle</i>	2. DATE OF FILING <i>Sept 19, 2003</i>	S.D. S.C. of STATE
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <i>Weekly</i>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <i>52</i>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <i>\$30/437</i>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <i>PO Box 551 522 Mt. Rushmore Road</i>		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) <i>PO Box 551 522 Mt. Rushmore Road</i>		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <i>Charles W. Najacht</i>		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) F. NAME <i>Southern Hills Publishing Inc.</i> COM. ADDRESS <i>PO Box 551 Custer SD 57730</i>		
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form) <i>First Western Bank 648 Mt. Rushmore Rd Custer SD 57730</i>		
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		<i>2250</i>
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION		
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.		<i>890</i>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		<i>1194</i>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		<i>2084</i>
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION		
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		<i>44</i>
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		<i>0</i>
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		<i>2128</i>
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED		
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2. Return from News Agents		<i>40</i>
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)		<i>2250</i>
ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE		
<i>2200</i>		
<i>875</i>		
<i>1197</i>		
<i>2072</i>		
<i>45</i>		
<i>0</i>		
<i>2117</i>		
<i>53</i>		
<i>30</i>		
<i>2200</i>		
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER		
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. <i>Charles W. Najacht, Publisher</i>		

State of South Dakota

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September, 20 03Norma Najacht  
Notary PublicMy commission expires May 5, 2006